

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Year End Report (7/1/01-12/31/01)

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Mid-Year Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR §100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR §104.7(b)(1))

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a written request or an oral request documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2)) The request must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you shall either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.7(b)(4))

Please provide the missing information or a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide.

-Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$2,192 in transfers from your non-federal account for shared activity. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule H3, however, indicates the total to be \$3,584. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses a transfer-in of \$3,584 from your account "Madison Project". However, your committee has not provided a Schedule H4 to report any payments for allocable expenses. Please be advised, Schedule H3 is used by political committees to report transfers received by the federal account from the non-federal account to pay the non-federal share of allocable expenses.

Please clarify whether this transfer is from an account maintained by your committee for non-federal activity or if this transaction represents an "internal transfer" of funds from one federal account to another. Please note that if this is an internal transfer, such transactions should not be itemized as doing so inflates total receipts and cash-on-hand.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of funds from a non-federal account (when your committee does not have allocable expenses), your prompt transfer-out of the impermissible funds or clarification of the transaction will be taken into consideration.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Contract Services". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Please amend your report by providing the purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule(s) B supporting Line(s) 21(b).

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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